

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 100**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Cogdill**

August 20, 2001

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100—Relative to Truck Driver Appreciation Week.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 100, as introduced, Cogdill. Truck Driver Appreciation Week.

This measure would proclaim the week of August 25 through September 1, 2001, as Truck Driver Appreciation Week and would encourage businesses, schools, communities, churches, and other organizations to join in this observance by commending professional truck drivers for the vital role they play in the lives of Americans.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Professional truck drivers safely deliver important  
2 goods to every home, community, school, and business in the  
3 United States, traveling more than 200 billion miles and delivering  
4 eight billion tons of freight; and

5 WHEREAS, The trucking industry employs one of every 12  
6 Californians, over 5.6 million people, and has an annual payroll of  
7 more than \$36 billion; and

8 WHEREAS, The trucking industry generated \$486.1 billion in  
9 freight revenues in 2000, and California truck drivers are the  
10 backbone of this essential industry; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1999, the trucking industry paid \$2.5 billion, or  
12 30 percent, of all highway user taxes collected in California; and

1 WHEREAS, Trucks deliver freight for 57,100 manufacturing  
2 companies, supply goods to 164,000 retail stores, stock 72,400  
3 wholesale trade companies, and supply goods to over 36,000  
4 agriculture businesses, while transporting their produce and  
5 products to market, all within California; and

6 WHEREAS, Approximately 79 percent of California  
7 communities are served exclusively by trucks; and

8 WHEREAS, Truck drivers keep the shelves of our local  
9 supermarkets fully stocked, play a vital role in bringing the  
10 newspaper to front doors every morning, and deliver blood,  
11 medicine, and diagnostic equipment to hospitals and clinics; and

12 WHEREAS, Truck drivers ensure that raw materials and  
13 intermediate products for cars, trucks, appliances, and other  
14 important consumer goods are delivered to the assembly line  
15 safely and on time and then deliver the finished products to stores;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The economic system of this country rides on the  
18 wheels of trucks; and it is the men and women who drive those  
19 trucks that keep that system going; and

20 WHEREAS, The trucking industry is committed to safe travel  
21 for all motorists on California's roads and highways; and

22 WHEREAS, The California Highway Patrol reports that in the  
23 past five years, truck travel in California has increased  
24 approximately 60 percent, while the rate of truck involvement in  
25 fatal accidents decreased 55 percent; and

26 WHEREAS, Professional truck drivers have been honored as  
27 among the safest drivers on our highways, many receiving awards  
28 for extraordinary acts of heroism and bravery, for saving fellow  
29 motorists from injury and death; and

30 WHEREAS, Truck drivers are the unsung heroes of the  
31 American highway and the United States economy; now,  
32 therefore, be it

33 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
34 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby proclaims its  
35 support for National Truck Driver Appreciation Week by  
36 proclaiming the week of August 25 through September 1, 2001, as  
37 Truck Driver Appreciation Week in California in honor of those  
38 men and women in America who deliver our goods by truck, and  
39 encourages businesses, schools, communities, churches, and other  
40 organizations to join in this observance by commending

- 1 professional truck drivers for the vital role they play in the lives of
- 2 Americans; and be it further
- 3 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
- 4 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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